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Election of members of the functional commissions of the Council

Note by the Secretary-General

1. Pursuant to section V of Economic and Social Council resolution 557 C (XVIII), as amended by the Council's decision of 19 December 1968, information on the forthcoming vacancies in the functional commissions to be filled by the Council at its resumed organizational session for 2007 is set out in the annex below.

2. Under the terms of Council resolution 1147 (XLI), in 2007 the members of the Statistical Commission, the Commission on Population and Development, the Commission for Social Development, the Commission on the Status of Women, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the Commission on Sustainable Development are elected on the basis of equitable geographical distribution according to a specified pattern. The pattern applicable to each functional commission is indicated in the annex, together with the current membership.

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Annex

Membership of the functional commissions in 2007

Statistical Commission

(24 members; four-year term)

Five members from African States

Cape Verde* (2007), Democratic Republic of the Congo (2009), Kenya* (2007), Mauritania (2009), South Africa (2009)

Four members from Asian States

China (2008), Iran (Islamic Republic of)* (2007), Japan (2008), Republic of Korea* (2007)

Four members from Eastern European States

Croatia* (2007), Hungary (2008), Ukraine* (2007), Russian Federation (2009)

Four members from Latin American and Caribbean States

Colombia (2008), Cuba* (2007), Jamaica (2009), Mexico (2008)

Seven members from Western European and other States

Canada (2009), Finland (2009), France (2009), Germany (2008), Netherlands (2008), United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (2008), United States of America* (2007)

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Eight members are to be elected according to the following pattern:

Two members from African States;

Two members from Asian States;

Two members from Eastern European States;

One member from Latin American and Caribbean States;

One member from Western European and other States.

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* Retiring member.

Commission on Population and Development

(47 members; four-year term: membership of the forty-first session (2007-2008))[a]

Twelve members from African States

Benin (2011), Cameroon (2009), Comoros (2009), Equatorial Guinea (2011), Gambia (2010), Kenya* (2008), Libyan Arab Jamahiriya* (2008), Madagascar* (2008), Morocco (2009), Sierra Leone (2010), South Africa (2010), Zambia (2010)

Eleven members from Asian States

Bangladesh (2009), China (2010), India (2010), Indonesia (2009), Iran (Islamic Republic of) (2011), Japan* (2008), Lebanon (2010), Malaysia (2009), Oman (2010), Pakistan* (2008), Sri Lanka (2011)

Five members from Eastern European States

Armenia* (2008), Bulgaria (2009), Poland (2011), Russian Federation (2010), Ukraine (2010)

Nine members from Latin American and Caribbean States

Brazil (2009), Grenada (2011), Guyana (2009), Haiti* (2008), Honduras (2011), Jamaica (2010), Mexico (2010), Peru (2009), Uruguay (2010)

Ten members from Western European and other States[b]

Belgium (2009), Canada (2009), France* (2008), Germany (2009), Netherlands* (2008), Sweden (2010), Switzerland (2009), United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (2010), United States of America (2010)

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Nine members are to be elected according to the following pattern:

Three members from African States;

Two members from Asian States;

One member from Eastern European States;

One member from Latin American and Caribbean States;

Two members from Western European and other States.

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* Retiring member.

[a] In accordance with its decision 2005/213, the Council will elect the new members for a four-year term beginning at the first meeting (held in 2008) of the Commission's forty-second session and expiring at the close of the Commission's forty-fifth session in 2012.

[b] There is one vacancy in this group for a member whose term would begin at the first meeting (held in 2007) of the Commission's forty-first session and expire at the close of its forty-fourth session in 2011.

Commission for Social Development

(46 members; four-year term: membership of the forty-sixth session (2007-2008))[c]

Twelve members from African States

Angola (2009), Benin (2011), Cameroon (2011), Côte d'Ivoire* (2008), Democratic Republic of the Congo (2009), Egypt (2011), Ethiopia* (2008), Mali* (2008), Namibia (2011), South Africa (2009), Tunisia* (2008), United Republic of Tanzania (2009)

Ten members from Asian States

Bangladesh (2009), China (2009), Democratic People's Republic of Korea (2009), India (2011), Indonesia* (2008), Japan* (2008), Myanmar (2009), Nepal (2011), Republic of Korea* (2008), United Arab Emirates (2011)

Five members from Eastern European States[d]

Czech Republic (2009), Moldova* (2008), Russian Federation* (2008), Ukraine (2009)

Nine members from Latin American and Caribbean States

Bolivia (2009), Chile* (2008), Cuba (2011), Haiti* (2008), Jamaica (2011), Mexico (2011), Paraguay (2009), Peru* (2008), Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) (2009)

Ten members from Western European and other States

Andorra (2011), Finland (2009), France* (2008), Germany* (2008), Italy (2009), Monaco (2009), Netherlands (2009), Spain (2011), Turkey (2011), United States of America* (2008)

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Fifteen members are to be elected according to the following pattern:

Four members from African States;

Three members from Asian States;

Two members from Eastern European States;

Three members from Latin American and Caribbean States;

Three members from Western European and other States.

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* Retiring member.

[c] In accordance with its decision 2002/210, the Council will elect the new members for a four-year term beginning at the first meeting (held in 2008) of the Commission's forty-seventh session and expiring at the close of the Commission's fiftieth session in 2012.

[d] There is one vacancy in this group for a member whose term would begin at the first meeting (held in 2007) of the Commission's forty-sixth session and expire at the close of the Commission's forty-ninth session in 2011.

Commission on the Status of Women

(45 members; four-year term: membership of the fifty-second session (2007-2008))[c]

Thirteen members from African States

Cameroon (2010), Djibouti (2010), Gabon (2011), Ghana* (2008), Lesotho (2010), Mali (2009), Mauritius* (2008), Morocco (2009), Namibia (2011), Niger (2011), Togo (2010), United Republic of Tanzania (2009), Zambia (2010)

Eleven members from Asian States

Cambodia (2011), China* (2008), Indonesia (2010), Iran (Islamic Republic of) (2010), Japan (2009), Kazakhstan* (2008), Malaysia (2010), Pakistan (2011), Qatar (2009), Republic of Korea (2010), United Arab Emirates (2010)

Four members from Eastern European States

Armenia (2011), Azerbaijan (2011), Croatia (2009), Hungary* (2008)

Nine members from Latin American and Caribbean States

Belize (2009), Brazil (2010), Dominican Republic* (2008), Ecuador (2010), El Salvador* (2008), Mexico (2010), Paraguay (2011), Peru (2009), Suriname* (2008)

Eight members from Western European and other States

Belgium (2011), Germany (2009), Iceland* (2008), Netherlands (2009), Spain (2011), Turkey (2011), United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (2009), United States of America* (2008)

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Ten members are to be elected according to the following pattern:

Two members from African States;

Two members from Asian States;

One member from Eastern European States;

Three members from Latin American and Caribbean States;

Two members from Western European and other States.

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* Retiring member.

[c] In accordance with its decision 2002/234, the Council will elect the new members for a four-year term beginning at the first meeting (held in 2008) of the Commission's fifty-third session and expiring at the close of the Commission's fifty-sixth session in 2012.

Commission on Narcotic Drugs

(53 members; four-year term)

Eleven members from African States

Algeria* (2007), Cameroon* (2007), Democratic Republic of the Congo* (2007), Madagascar* (2007), Namibia (2009), Niger (2009), Nigeria (2009), Senegal (2009), Sudan* (2007), Uganda* (2007), Zambia* (2007)

Twelve members from Asian States[f]

India* (2007), Iran (Islamic Republic of)* (2007), Japan (2009), Lao People's Democratic Republic* (2007), Lebanon* (2007), Malaysia* (2007), Myanmar* (2007), Republic of Korea (2009), Saudi Arabia (2009), Tajikistan (2009), Thailand* (2007), United Arab Emirates* (2007)

Six members from Eastern European States

Bosnia and Herzegovina* (2007), Croatia* (2007), Hungary* (2007), Poland (2009), Russian Federation (2009), Ukraine (2009)

Ten members from Latin American and Caribbean States[f]

Argentina* (2007), Bolivia (2009), Brazil* (2007), Chile* (2007), Colombia (2009), Cuba* (2007), Guatemala* (2007), Jamaica (2009), Mexico (2009), Peru* (2007)

Fourteen members from Western European and other States

Australia (2009), Austria* (2007), Belgium (2009), Canada (2009), France* (2007), Germany* (2007), Israel* (2007), Italy* (2007), Norway* (2007), Sweden* (2007), Switzerland* (2007), Turkey (2009), United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (2009), United States of America* (2007)

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Thirty-three members are to be elected according to the following pattern:

Seven members from African States;

Seven members from Asian States;[f]

Three members from Eastern European States;

Seven members from Latin American and Caribbean States;[f]

Nine members from Western European and other States.

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* Retiring member.

[f] In accordance with Council resolution 1991/49, one seat rotates between Asian States and Latin American and Caribbean States every four years. The rotating seat was allocated to Asian States in 2003 for a four-year term beginning 1 January 2004. In 2007, the rotating seat will be allocated to Latin American and Caribbean States for a four-year term beginning 1 January 2008, thus giving Asian States and Latin American and Caribbean States 11 seats each.

Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice

(40 members; three-year term)

Twelve members from African States

Cameroon (2009), Comoros (2008), Democratic Republic of the Congo (2008), Libyan Arab Jamahiriya (2008), Namibia (2008), Niger (2008), Nigeria (2009), Senegal (2008), Sierra Leone (2009), South Africa (2009), Uganda (2008), United Republic of Tanzania (2008)

Nine members from Asian States

China (2008), India (2009), Indonesia (2009), Iran (Islamic Republic of) (2009), Japan (2008), Pakistan (2008), Republic of Korea (2008), Saudi Arabia (2009), United Arab Emirates (2009)

Four members from Eastern European States

Armenia (2008), Moldova (2009), Russian Federation (2008), Ukraine (2009)

Eight members from Latin American and Caribbean States

Argentina (2009), Bolivia (2008), Brazil (2009), Chile (2008), Colombia (2009), Costa Rica (2008), Guatemala (2009), Jamaica (2009)

Seven members from Western European and other States

Austria (2008), Canada (2009), Germany (2008), Italy (2008), Turkey (2009), United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (2009), United States of America (2009)

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There are no upcoming vacancies on the Commission for the 2007 elections.

Commission on Sustainable Development

(53 members; three-year term: membership of the sixteenth session (2007-2008))[g]

Thirteen seats for African States

Cameroon* (2008), Cape Verde (2010), Democratic Republic of the Congo* (2008), Djibouti (2009), Gambia (2010), Guinea (2010), Senegal (2009), South Africa (2010), Sudan (2009), Tunisia* (2008), United Republic of Tanzania (2009), Zambia* (2008), Zimbabwe* (2008)

Eleven seats for Asian States

Bahrain (2010), China* (2008), Democratic People's Republic of Korea* (2008), India (2010), Indonesia (2009), Iran (Islamic Republic of) (2010), Japan (2010), Kuwait (2009), Republic of Korea (2009), Saudi Arabia* (2008), Thailand* (2008)

Six seats for Eastern European States

Belarus* (2008), Croatia (2010), Czech Republic (2009), Poland (2010), Russian Federation (2009), Serbia* (2008)

Ten seats for Latin American and Caribbean States

Antigua and Barbuda (2009), Belize* (2008), Bolivia* (2008), Chile (2009), Costa Rica (2010), Cuba* (2008), Guatemala (2010), Haiti (2010), Mexico* (2008), Peru (2009)

Thirteen seats for Western European and other States

Australia (2009), Belgium* (2008), Canada* (2008), France (2010), Germany* (2008), Israel* (2008), Italy* (2008), Monaco (2010), Netherlands (2010), Spain (2009), Sweden (2010), United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (2009), United States of America (2009)

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Twenty members are to be elected according to the following pattern:

Five members from African States;

Four members from Asian States;

Two members from Eastern European States;

Four members from Latin American and Caribbean States;

Five members from Western European and other States.

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* Retiring member.

[g] In accordance with its resolution 1997/63, the Council will elect the new members for a three-year term beginning at the organizational meeting (held in 2008) of the Commission's seventeenth session and expiring at the close of the Commission's nineteenth session in 2011.

Commission on Science and Technology for Development

(43 members; four-year term)[h]

Eleven members from African States

Angola (2008), Burkina Faso (2010), Democratic Republic of the Congo (2008), Equatorial Guinea (2008), Eritrea (2010), Gambia (2008), Lesotho (2010), Sierra Leone (2008), Sudan (2010), Tunisia (2010), Uganda (2010)

Nine members from Asian States

China (2010), India (2010), Iran (Islamic Republic of) (2010), Jordan (2008), Malaysia (2010), Oman (2008), Pakistan (2008), Philippines (2010), Sri Lanka (2008)

Five members from Eastern European States[h]

Belarus (2010), Latvia (2010), Russian Federation (2008), Slovakia (2008)

Eight members from Latin American and Caribbean States

Argentina (2010), Brazil (2008), Chile (2008), Cuba (2010), Dominican Republic (2010), El Salvador (2010), Jamaica (2008), Peru (2008)

Ten members from Western European and other States

Austria (2008), Belgium (2010), Finland (2008), France (2010), Germany (2010), Italy (2008), Switzerland (2008), Turkey (2010), United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (2008), United States of America (2010)

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There are no upcoming vacancies on the Commission for the 2007 elections.

[h] Pursuant to its resolution 2006/46 and its decision 2006/267, the Council at its 4th meeting, on 9 February 2007, elected the following new members to the Commission on Science and Technology for Development: Argentina, Burkina Faso, Chile, Equatorial Guinea, Finland, Philippines, Sri Lanka, the Sudan and the United States. The Council postponed the election of one member from Eastern European States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2010.